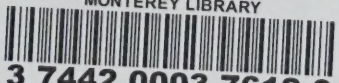


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MONTEREY NEWS



April, 1975

OUR TOWN



A community Center for Monterey

Over the past few months, a good number of people around town have expressed interest in starting a community center in Monterey. Some ideas people have been talking about are the following:

- 1) An Arts and Crafts workshop: weaving, painting, wood-working, pottery, etc.
- 2) Center of activity for the elderly. The Council for Aging has shown a great interest in the community center idea. Some of the specific functions of the center in regard to the elderly could be an everyday drop-in center, a meeting place for social events, concerts, talks and a counseling center.
- 3) A place from which the food co-op could operate.
- 4) A sports program.
- 5) A coffee house one or two nights a week, just for socializing and maybe to hear or play a little music.
- 6) A drop-in center for children after school.

The center could begin to operate out of facilities already being used for this sort of thing (the church and library basements, for example.) Another possibility, which we are presently looking into, is the use of one of the houses around town which is presently unoccupied.

There are many more possibilities, and all suggestions and ideas. Will Friedman has been hired to work on the center and would be happy to hear your suggestions, comments and criticisms. Later this week he is going to place questionnaires at the General Store, the Roadside Store and the Gulf Station. They are designed to elicit your interest and ideas concerning the center.

Annual Town Meeting

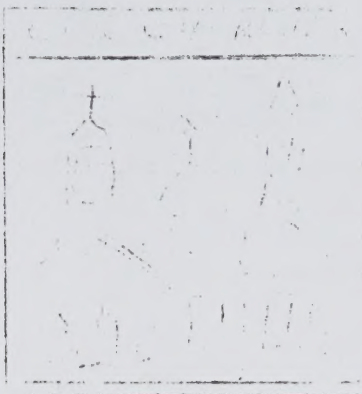
The Annual Town Meeting will be May 3, starting at 10:00 a.m. The polls will be open as soon as the meeting starts. Warrants will be posted seven days before the meeting.

Republican and Democratic Caucuses Nominate Slate of Candidates

At the Democratic Caucus earlier this month the following officers were nominated to be voted on at the annual town meeting May 3: Moderator for one year, William E. Mielke; Selectman for three years, Richard D. Tryon; Auditor for one year, William A. Stevens; Assessor for three years, Dr. Benjamin Zackim; Cemetery Committee for three years, Florence Brown; Library Trustee for three years, Georgiana O'Connell and Fred Lancome; Park Commission for three years, Leroy Thorpe; Planning Board for five years, Barbara Tryon; Finance Committee for three years, David Gilmore; Finance Committee for two years, John Pizzichemi; Southern Berkshire Regional School District Committee, Marilyn Stevens. The Republicans, meeting the following day, nominated the following: Moderator for one year, William E. Mielke; Selectman for three years, Stanley Zilka; Auditor for one year, William A. Stevens; Assessor for three years, Susan Le Provost. Library Trustees for three years, Georgiana O'Connell and Lois Ryder; Park Commission for three years, Leroy Thorpe; Planning Board for five years, Barbara Tryon; Finance Committee for three years, David Gilmore; Finance Committee for two years, John Pizzichemi; Southern Berkshire Regional School District Committee for two years, Marilyn Stevens.

Weed Control Postponed

Mario Boschetti, Environmental Bioengineer, has informed the Selectmen that the Department of Public Health, at the request of the Governor, in accordance with his new spending program, is holding back the entire appropriation from the Aquatic Nuisance Control for fiscal year 1975. Consequently, the aquatic weed control projects scheduled for spring-summer 1975 have been postponed.



CATHOLIC CHURCH

Immaculate Conception Church, Mill River -- Masses at 10:00 a.m. every Sunday

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Mornign worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. . . .
Notes Confirmation Class Sundays at 9:15 a.m. . . .
The Berkshire Association meets on Sunday, April 20 at the Williamstown Church. . . . The Massachusetts Conference meets on May 2, 3 and 4 at Old South Church in Boston.

Service of Christian Healing

Beginning several months ago, the Monterey United Church of Christ began a monthly service of Christian Healing. It is on the first Sunday of the month at 6:30 p.m. This service is linked closely to the belief that worship itself is a part of the healing of personality. It recognizes that we are to some degree incomplete in body, mind or spirit, and that it was the intention of the Lord to help all to a fuller life. All who wish to share in this service have a cordial invitation.

Festival of the Christian Home

The day ordinarily designated as Mother's Day we celebrate in the Monterey Church as the Festival of the Christian Home. This year it will be on Sunday, May 11. This service is being planned by the Reverend Lois Rose.

Pentecost

Pentecost is quite generally regarded as the third major Christian festival following Christmas and Easter. This year it comes on May 18. The central themes of Pentecost are the giving of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church. In our celebration of Pentecost this year it will be in connection with the confirmation of youth and Holy Communion.

The Bicentennial Restoration Project

The committee in charge of the Bicentennial Restoration Project is aiming toward completing the first phase of this project by Pentecost, Sunday, May 18. It is going to require very diligent work on the part of the workmen and the committee to get the work on the sanctuary completed by this time, and knowing the nature of this kind of work, it is impossible to make promises, but a strong effort is being made to celebrate Pentecost by a return to the sanctuary.

THE EXCITING SEASON OF RAIN

Now, the exciting season of rain,
Between the snow and the spring!
Great flocks of migrant birds arrive,
Twitter, but do not sing.
It is not quite time to celebrate
And choose the place to nest
And the big rain-clouds come driving on,
Out of the stormy west.

The snow still dapples some of the ground,
But not the road any more;
The gutters gurgle, and the brook's sound
Becomes a rumbling roar.
A child goes skipping up the road
Toward where the willows bend.
She seems as likely a sign as any
That winter is soon to end.

Margery Mansfield

THE AGONY AND THE JOY OF GROWING

Human growth is everywhere applauded. The actual means of growth everlastingly is resisted. We honor the growing up process, yet on a day-to-day basis we often try to evade and nullify the experiences through which growth comes. Powerful paradoxes surround this whole business of emerging personhood. Let us ponder the fact that agony and joy seem to be constantly intermingling themselves in the process we call growth.

Whichever way we look, alternating rhythms seem to flow through all of nature: night and day, winter and summer, high tide and low tide, seedtime and harvest -- and the list has barely begun. It should not come as any surprise, then, that the emergence of personality also has its rhythms. A way to describe one of these rhythms is to see it as a swinging movement between agony and joy. We gladly accept joy; we try to escape agony. Thus we get hung up on the way toward achieving our personhood.

What about this rhythm between agony and joy that seems such an integral part of growing? Is there any one of ^{us} who have not observed it? Can anyone have lived any length of time without encountering it? Consider any enterprise you will. Do there not come those times of early promise and movement when it appears that success and happiness are certain? Yet often, after a period seemingly without rhyme or reason, things start to go wrong, and a period of readjustment ensues. What sort of perversity is there built into the life process that returns again and again to threaten the forward movement?

Here, for instance, is a marriage. Everyone is impressed with what a well-matched couple they are. In fact, they even think so themselves. Yet in a year, or two or three, things start to happen that threaten their happiness. It seems so unreasonable, so uncalled for. Why do these flaws in their relationship, in the way their personalities start to rub each other, appear? Is there a perversity built into the scheme of things that seems determined to crush hope and joy? Certainly it appears that way when these rough places show up on the road. Are there any of us who would not side-step these rocky places if we could?

As we work our way through enough of these times we begin to see a pattern working itself out. The agonies of life force us into periods of change. We simply cannot stay as we are. There is just no way to stay fixed, set in our ways, no matter how hard we try. Life seems uncompromisingly determined to throw us off balance.

The agony side of life is closely identified with our being thrown off balance. Without being thrown off balance we would tend to remain as we are. Even a casual examination of the process of walking reveals that we move forward by continually throwing our body off balance and then regaining this balance again. Try walking without losing your balance for a tiny fraction of a second. Your walk is much more graceful if you risk that inbalance than if you rigidly insist on a perfectly balanced upright position all the way.

In the same way there is much more space in the management of a life and growth process if we learn to flow more easily with the agonizing imbalances that keep dogging our steps through our life pilgrimage. There is a wisdom in life much deeper than your or my rational choices. If I were free to do so, I would choose joy, joy, joy each step of the way. Fortunately, there is a life design going on in and through me that has much more sense than I have been able to accumulate in my short lifetime. Fortunately for me, it pays scant attention to my pleas that I may live a comfortable, joyous, undisturbed life. The side of life I tend to reject, and would if I could, is critically important in keeping me on pilgrimage. Choke as I do over them, I praise the agonies of life.

Oh, but let us not forget the side of life that rejoices. That too is profoundly important if we are to be growing persons. If we become obsessed with how spitefully life treats us, so that we see nothing to celebrate, we are losing touch with the other side of the growth rhythm. The smallest thing in life we can celebrate, by that much, draws us deeper into the stream of life. If I allow life to become dark, unthankful and ungrateful, my own participation in joy is diminished.

Ordinarily we take more naturally to the joys life presents. It would seem unnatural to urge us to accept the celebrative side of the agonies. Yet most of us truly need educating on both sides of this rhythm of growth. To be blind or crippled on one side tends to make us unseeing or halting on the other side as well.

I invite you to join me in praise of both the agony and joy of growing. On whichever side of the rhythm you find yourself just now, let your memory call to mind what it feels like to be in the opposite swing of the pendulum. St. Paul said, "I have learned how to be abased. . . and I have learned how to abound." Maybe he was talking about a perspective that is able to grasp the whole of life and see a wisdom that is vastly deeper than his own devising. May it be so for you as well.

Virgil V. Brallier, Minister
Monterey United Church of Christ

GOULD FARM NEWS

On April 6 meetings were held at the Farm of two committees of the Board of Directors. One was the committee on guest therapy, chaired by Mrs. Eva Pahnke, who is a counselor for the town of Bennington, Vermont. Other directors present were Dr. James Bell, psychiatrist at the Berkshire Farm Center and Services for Youth, Dr. Virgil Brallier, Dr. James Gillespie, of Westport, Connecticut, and H. B. Pearl, of Bayside, New York. Edward Dunlop is an ex-officio member of the committee. Invited guests were Dr. Richard Cully, psychiatrist, who spends one day a week working at Gould Farm, Cory Loder, Farm counselor and pastor, and Joseph Burkholder, who has over-all charge of the Farm work program.

The other committee deals with guest housing and is discussing new building plans. Members present were H. B. Pearl, chairman, Robert K. Wheeler and Rose McKee.

Kent Smith is in England attending an International Conference of Half-May Houses at Richmond. Nancy Smith is spending her vacation with her sister in Germany, Holland and Belgium. She plans to meet Kent in London this week.

Marie Gaumont is a patient at Fairview Hospital, having treatment for emphysema. Lois Winchester will return April 21 from a stay of more than two months in Newark, New Jersey. She has been helping her son, Harold, who suffered a broken leg in a traffic accident.

A few more volunteers have joined the staff to take the places of those who have left. They are Christopher Silard, of Bethesda, Maryland, Donna Weinman, of Stockbridge, Massachusetts, Kathryn Baxter, of Timonium, Maryland, and David Whitten, of Elgin, Illinois.

Rose McKee

PTA NEWS

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 30 at 8:00 p.m., at the Mill River School. There will be two speakers, Mrs. Judy Salisbury, outreach worker for the new unit of the Berkshire Mental Health Association, State Human Resources Bureau, and Mrs. Suzie Kaufman, from the South Council Child Care Office, on the subject of the human based child care for children of working parents. We will also discuss refreshments for the Open House of the Monterey-New Marlborough Schools on May 7, as well as the funding for the Fourth Grade Class Trip.

Cynthia Weber
President

MONTEREY GRANGE # 291

Youth Night was observed at the March 19 meeting of Monterey Grange. Youth from Berkshire County Granges, with Ronnie Dell from Hinsdale acting as Master, conducted a delightful program. Stanley Zilka was elected Assistant Steward to replace James Johnston, who resigned when he moved to New Hampshire. The last meeting was on April 2. Floyd McKay and the Conservation Commission furnished the program.

Mary Wallace
Lecturer

BARBARA RHOADES SCHOLARSHIP FUND

As many of you know, last month the Southern Berkshire Regional School District lost a very dedicated teacher when Mrs. Barbara Rhoades died very suddenly. She had taught English at the Mt. Everett High School since the regional district was formed over fifteen years ago. Prior to that time she taught at the then Sheffield High School. She was also known to many in this area through her weekly column in the Berkshire Courier, plus her many inputs on various civic and cultural committees. The Bicentennial Book for New Marlborough on which she worked will be dedicated in her memory.

In her memory a scholarship fund is being set up. There are many people in the area who were former students of Mrs. Rhoades who will agree that a scholarship is a fitting memorial to her. Donations may be sent to Mrs. Beatrice Phillips or Mrs. Georgiana O'Connell, both of Monterey, or directly to the Barbara Rhoades Scholarship Fund, c/o George Helmrich, Treasurer, Southern Berkshire Regional School District, Sheffield, Massachusetts, 01257.

Georgiana O'Connell

GIRL SCOUTS

Brownies

The Brownies this past month worked on decorating Easter eggs. They also have been making note paper out of colored paper and decorating the sheets with flowers from gift wrapping paper. Another project has been puppets out of lunch bags.

Juniors & Cadettes

The Juniors are busy finishing up on badge work. The Poppy Patrol finished up on the Chef badge. They have made blueberry muffins and biscuits for this month. The Pansy Patrol

has finished up on their First Class Girl Scout. A recognition dinner was held on Monday, April 14, at Northampton. All seven girls became Senior Girl Scouts upon receiving their awards. The girls are Susan Andrus, Kristine Heath, Anna Thorn, Donna Sheridan, Gwendolyn O'Connell, Andrea Pizzichemi and Betsy Bynack. CONGRATULATIONS! A pre-Court of Awards dinner will be held on May 17 in the church social room. On Wednesday, May 21, the Neighborhood Court of Awards will be held at Monument Mountain High School. Mrs. Kitty Hastedt is the neighborhood chairman for the Girl Scouts. This takes in southern Berkshire.

BOY SCOUTS

Webelos

The Wobbling Webelos, including one Bear and one Wolf Cub, will be performing at the Scout Show in Amherst on April 26. The boys are selling tickets for this show. The boys are working on their Artist badge and have been visiting area artists.

Cub Scouts

Den 1 and Den 2 have visited the Fish Hatchery this past month. Mr. William Valantine, the director, explained in detail about the Atlantic salmon. The boys also went hiking on the new trail that was built there this past summer by the Youth Corps.

4-H NEWS

Cooking

The Monterey Panhandlers have finished the year's project by making Cubed Steaks with Green Peppers and Onions, Tossed Salad and Apricot Banana Mold. This past month our club also colored the Easter eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. We have completed 24 recipes this year.

Kristine Heath
Junior Leader

Horse

The Monterey Roadrunners made \$223.04 after expenses on the Ham Dinner that they put on. Our County Extension Leader, Mr. Kelso, was invited to the dinner and he picked the numbers for the many door prizes that we had. Our club has sent letters to the Church and the Grange to thank them for letting us use the Church and some of the tables and chairs from the Grange to make it possible for us to have the Ham Dinner each year.

Mary O'Connor
News Reporter

Gardening

The Monterey Greenthumbs held their second meeting on April 3. 17 girls and boys attended on a very snowy night. Plans were gone over for future meetings and seeds were started in containers. The next meeting of the garden club will be held on May 15, with guest speaker Dick Boyce, of the County Extension. This will be an open meeting for all boys and girls and adults in town. Mr. Boyce will be showing slides of vegetable gardening.

Livestock

The Woolly, Feather, Fur Farmers held a joint meeting held a joint meeting with the garden club on April 3. A Poultry Training Session will be held in Pittsfield on May 13 at the Berkshire Gas Company. Any boys or girls interested in attending please call Mrs. Mary Heath or Mrs. Gillis.

CONGRATULATIONS to Shawn Ryder in his success at the 4-h State Demonstration in Bolton. Shawn was awarded a State Rosette for excellence in photography. All four judges scored him "perfect."

Town Clean-Up

The date of the roadside clean-up has been changed to May 10. All youth organizations will participate in this community activity. Starting time will be 8 o'clock. Finishing time, around noon, with refreshments. The Park Commission, along with the Girl Scouts, will be having a Bike Clinic after lunch. A bicycle expert will be there to explain parts of the bike, along with the repairing. John Ryder is in charge of the clean-up.

Lois Ryder
Youth Correspondent

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